

FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of:

HYPERTENSIVE EMERGENCIES

Indications

To outline the paramedic care and management of the patient with symptomatic hypertension (i.e. end organ damage, altered mental status, chest pain).

Procedure

- 1. Monitor blood pressure closely.
- 2. Secure an airway as outlined in FLWEMS Paramedics Adult Protocol for the Management of Airway & Ventilation and administer supplemental **Oxygen** as needed.
- 3. Establish IV access.
- 4. Place on cardiac monitor.
- 5. Treat symptoms as indicated.
- 6. Contact Medical Control prior to initiation of therapy for hypertension secondary to head trauma or CVA.
- 7. Rapid transport to appropriate Emergency Department.
- 8. Contact medical control for further orders as needed.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

END OF SOP – NOTHING FOLLOWS